

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Output code amount control circuit 150 confirms an accumulated amount of audio data stored in audio data buffer 111, an accumulated amount of image data stored in image data buffer 122 and an accumulated amount of control data stored in control data buffer 132 and determines a control method for controlling an amount of coded image data outputted from image coding circuit 121. Image coding circuit 121 performs a coding operation of an image signal inputted through image input terminal 120 while controlling the amount of the coded image data to be outputted, according to the control method notified by output code amount control circuit 150 and the coded image data is stored in image data buffer 120.